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Regents professors honored for research

By Anna Weaver
Editor in Chief

Being a Regents Professor has given Dr. Bob Wallace of the Literature and Language Department a whole of an opportunity to enhance his research and teaching. Wallace, the first Northern

Kentucky University Regents Professor, has been pursuing research in various aspects of Herman Melville's "Moby Dick." His research centers around the influence of art in the writing of "Moby Dick," as well as the art inspired by the novel. Wallace's lecture about his

research will be one of three that will highlight NKU's Regents Professors. "I've been able to connect what I care about in my personal life with my students. Being a Regents Professor blends teaching, outreach and research together," he said. Interim Executive Vice-President and Provost Dr. Rogers Redding said

that the Regents Professors Fortnight is important to give the campus a flavor of what some faculty members are doing. "A lot of people are not aware of how much research goes on at Northern Kentucky University. This is an opportunity to let students know what their faculty are engaged

in outside of the classroom," said Redding. Redding said that when an individual is appointed a Regents Professorship, their course load is lightened from 12 hours to six. Also, he said Regents Professors get an additional stipend and release time to

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Three queens for three cities

By Kelly Sudzina
Executive Editor

Cincinnati, Covington and Newport banded together in celebration of the steamboating era with the help of Tall Stacks flagships the *Delta Queen*, the *American Queen* and the *Mississippi Queen* and 16 others on Oct. 13-17.

Tall Stacks '99 is the largest celebration of America's steamboating era and was named the top tourism event in the United States in 1999 by the American Bus Association.

"The adventure and romance of life on the river are recreated for five days on the banks of the Ohio River. Mark Twain himself would be impressed," said Leonard A. Weakley, chairman of the Greater Cincinnati Tall Stacks Commission.

Last weekend, Cincinnati's public landing was home to riverboat boarding and official ceremonies, union soldiers re-enacted daily military life in the 1800s in the Newport Barracks and historic Riverside Drive in Covington showcased its mansions from the mid-1800s. Dinner, lunch, moonlight and harbor cruises were available on all 19 steamboats docked on the Cincinnati side.

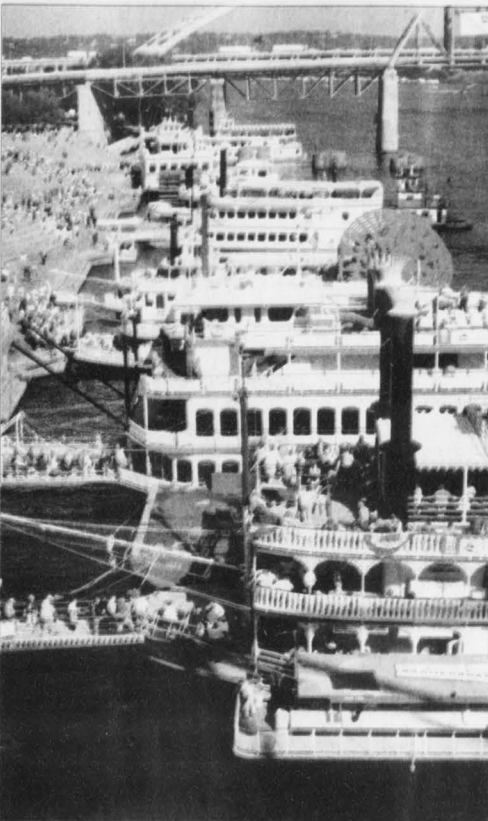
Tall Stacks '99 featured continuous on-shore entertainment on five stages within the 125-acre venue site, according to a press release. All musical performances were included in the admission charge or cruise or tour ticket charge.

This year the entertainers emphasized traditional American music. Musicians played in informal settings or workshops and audiences could sit in and listen as the performers talked about their music, played unre-



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"Mark Twain himself would be impressed."



Kelly Sudzina/The Northerner

Cincinnati's public landing turned into a steamboating hub straight from the 1800s during Tall Stacks '99, Oct. 13-17.

Students come out with pride

By Phillip Solomon
Photo Editor

One gay Northern Kentucky University student described it as, "chillingly appropriate the day before the one year anniversary of Matt's death."

The now deceased "Matt," as the student refers to him, was 21-year-old Matthew Shepard, who was brutally murdered on Oct. 12, 1998 in Wyoming, simply for being gay.

The news of what happened to Shepard last October, set in motion a strong response from people all over the world, especially in the gay community.

And as this response gains momentum, people all over the United States are taking notice. Citizens in fourteen states, including Ohio, are getting ready to vote on propositions that will effect the civil rights of homosexuals. The outcome of these votes, will determine such issues as, benefits to the partners of gay employees in the work place, and legalizing gay marriage.

Already, the United States some major corporations have chosen to offer benefits to the partners of gay employees, before it is legally enforced. Two examples are Disney

and Silicon Valley based Apple. Within the last year, these American giants have started providing long term health care to all openly gay employees and their partners.

Another big step for the gay community was Monday Oct. 11, National Coming Out Day. The phrase, "come out," referring to the widely used saying, "coming out of the closet," demonstrates the ritual of Gays or Lesbians deciding to no longer keep their homosexuality a secret, and live openly as who they feel they really are.

Several universities around the United States took place in celebrating Coming Out Day, including NKU.

"My name is Bruce" and "I'm gay," Bruce was one of many panelists gathered at NKU for the Coming Out Day celebration, hosted by Common Ground, a student organization open to people of all sexual orientations.

Bruce spoke to all 22 people in

attendance about his life as a gay man since coming out of the closet and before. He described how when he was in college before coming out, he and his girlfriend at the time, "were actually crowned homecoming king and queen."

He went on to joke, "In case you are wondering, it was my girlfriend who was crowned queen, not me." Bruce said he felt his coming out process was "necessary," due to overwhelming feelings of suppression and guilt.

Among the other speakers in attendance were Marian Weige, founder of the Cincinnati P-Flag, an acronym for "Parents, Family, and Friends, of Lesbians and Gays,"

Norah Salmon, documentary film-maker, who is well known for her recent film, "Lesbian Teenagers in Highschool."

The film received showings at the San Francisco International Lesbian Film Festival, the Michigan Women's Festival, See COMING OUT, Page 8



Phillip Solomon/The Northerner

Stamp out breast cancer

By Laura Hill
Staff Reporter

The next time you mail a letter you could help fund research that will cure breast cancer.

The United States Postal Service has a stamp issued that profits cancer research, according to the United States Postal Service website.

The web site states that the first-class 33-cent postage stamp sells for 40-cents and the seven cents left over are donated to help fund cancer research.

About 116 million stamps have been sold raising more than \$8.6 million for the research, according to the web site.

The Cancer and Treatment Information Website also states this year 182,000 women in the United States will be diagnosed with breast cancer and 46,000 will die from it.

The U.S. Postal Service Web Site states that breast cancer is the second most common form of cancer among women in the U.S. and the

second leading cause of cancer death in women.

The stamp has a drawing of a woman reaching behind her to pull out an arrow. The top reads "Breast Cancer" and the words "Find The Fight. Find A Cure" circle the breast of the woman. The stamp was designed by Ethel Kessler, a survivor of breast cancer.



Noa Isaacs wrote in the Women's Wire Web Site that the stamp features "Diana, the Roman goddess of the hunt...a mythical symbol of strength and independence."

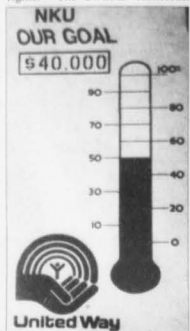
Georgia Townsend sends words in the gift shop at St. Elizabeth South Medical Center and said that a woman bought 20 of the stamps in one day. Townsend said that some people hesitate to buy the stamps because of the extra cost but overall she has sold a fair amount.

The breast cancer stamps are available at local post offices and can also be purchased online from the United States Post Office website.

Alpha Tau Omega to host b-ball marathon United Way to receive proceeds, volunteers still needed

By Dan Sullivan
staff reporter

The stakes for a game of four on four basketball are usually no higher than playground bragging rights. The 24-hour basketball



Rick Amburgey/The Northern
The United Way makes strides to achieving their goal.

marathon held by Alpha Tau Omega, however, offers students an opportunity to earn not only bragging rights, but also money to help others.

"The annual event, held Nov. 5 and 6 at the Northern Kentucky University health center, has consistently been the largest NKU student organization fundraising event for the United Way," said Ben Stewart, president of Alpha Tau Omega at NKU.

"Although the United Way is a national organization, the money raised by NKU does not get randomly distributed," said Chris Boggs, president of the Student Government Association.

"All of the money we raise is going to stay here and help people in the Northern Kentucky area," Boggs said. "Plus, it's fun."

"We want more people to participate this year," Boggs said. "We want more than just fraternity and sorority members."

"This event is open to anyone and everyone who wants to play," Stewart said. "We try to get all of the student organizations involved."

The games will run from noon on Nov. 5 to noon on Nov. 6, and participants can choose what time and how long they want to play.

"Last year the event raised over \$1,100," said Brent Leigh, treasurer of Alpha Tau Omega.

"A donation of \$5 per person is required to play and local businesses also donate money in exchange for having their name or logo on shirts worn by the players," said Stewart.

"We (the Alpha Tau Omegas) are by far the most respected fraternity on campus," said Alpha Tau Omega Member Josh Jarvi. "Our fund-raising for the United Way is a big part of that."

The United Way participates in programs that address disaster relief, crime prevention, substance abuse, addiction, homelessness, discrimination, domestic violence, mental illness and more.

Prizes such as trophies and t-shirts will be awarded to winning teams.

Anyone interested in playing should complete a registration form which can be found posted around the campus.

Don't let the flu get you: Flu shots offered

Jason Crisler
Staff Reporter

NKU offers flu shots to students for six dollars in room 306 at the University Center.

Marshall Weltzkin, who works in the bookstore at NKU, said that getting the shot was very convenient. He said he has received flu shots for nine years straight to avoid getting sick.

Weltzkin said he's had the flu before. "It's 10 times worse than a cold," he said. "I had no energy and I couldn't hold food down," he said. "About the only thing you have energy for is sleep."

Michele Kay, a campus health nurse said the flu could cause a student to miss one to two weeks of classes. "That long of an absence could ruin a semester," she said.

A flu shot can greatly decrease your chances of catching the flu, Kay said. "It's important for all students to get a

flu shot," she said.

Shirley Fledderjohn, a campus health nurse, said that a flu shot lowers the chances of getting the flu as much as 90 percent. "I don't think people realize how devastating the flu is," she said.

There haven't been a large number of NKU students to get the flu shot this year or in past years, Kay said. Fledderjohn said that students think they aren't going to get sick, that they feel invincible. Kay said that some students have a fear of needles.

Christy Morel, a freshman at NKU said she isn't concerned about getting sick. "I hardly ever get sick," she said. Morel said that she was afraid that the flu shot would make her sick.

Kay said that three of the most common strands of the flu virus are injected into your body so it can build immunity to them. "It's impossible to get sick from the flu shot," she said. "The virus is a dead virus, not a live one."



Phillip Solomon/The Northern
Michelle Kay, a nurse in the Health Office, favors flu shots.

Kay said that some people think the flu shot helps them feel healthier and keep colds away as well.

Students and faculty can make an appointment for a flu shot by calling 572-5650 or stop by UC 306.

ATTENDANCE: Does it improve grades?

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using attendance to determine grades, then students should be able to police the professors and their personal and professional ethics."

Nancy Long, assistant dean of the College of business, said students are adults and should come to class on their own. She said "Students are adults and must accept the responsibility."

On the other hand, Nick Bonner, art professor, said that "Freshman students need structure." He also explained that if you don't have to come to class you don't have to. You just have to take the consequences. He said it is not what happens in class that is important, it is what you get from the class.

Some students believe that if

you are able to learn the material without attending class, then you should be able to attend class when you feel like it. "I believe that if you are a task-oriented student who is able to manage your time well you can actively learn a subject without being in class everyday," said Cecilia Bain, a music major. "Granted not all students are able to do this. Those of us who can should not be penalized by attendance policy."

Janis Cassiere, dean of Arts and Sciences, explained that there are students who may not have to come to class every time. But, if they do not come to class, the rest of the students miss them whether they realize it or not. The extra talented students add more to the class by class discussion, and

without them there the other students do not hear their input on the matter.

Phil Holt, an aviation major, said if a professor does a good job the students will notice, and that is what makes students come to class everyday. He said, "Attendance of the class is judged by the teacher's performance and their ability to enlighten the class in an enthusiastic atmosphere. If you build it, they will come."

Janis Cassiere said that it is more of a respect for professors then respect for the class. Professors have a long history of studies and jobs behind them to make them qualify for the job they are doing. By attending class, you are respecting their knowledge and their ability to teach.

University takes alternative approach

By Shelly Conrad
Staff Reporter

If lending a helping hand, and at the same time, vacationing in Mexico appeals to you, you may want to consider an alternative spring break.

Alternative Spring Break is an opportunity to spend Northern Kentucky University's spring break in Mexico doing volunteer service work in the city and the countryside.

You live with nearby families

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Alternative Spring Break: Avoid Florida.

Photo contributed

PROFESSORS: Lectures spotlight research

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pursue research.

Wallace said being a Regents Professor is a huge advantage to making progress in his research while also continuing to teach, which he enjoys.

Another advantage for Wallace was the stipend for research which helped him collect art, take photographs and travel.

He said being a Regents Professor was a wonderful recognition and validation for what he is doing. Wallace said NKU was primarily a teaching university, but there were also many people pursuing research.

Wallace said that during an honors class he taught about Melville and the arts, student were inspired to produce a body of artwork that was eventually displayed at Rockford College in Rockford, Ill.

He said that he gets excited when his teaching methods evoke that kind of response.

Wallace's lecture is titled "From Cape Columna to Vollos and Beyond: The First International Melville Conference," and will take place Oct. 28 at 3:05 p.m. in Landrum Hall 506.

The lecture will be presented in conjunction with the Scholarly Literatures Series.

He said the lecture will include slides and a talk about Frank Stella's Moby Dick series of art. Melville's Moby Dick and art and the connection

between the author and painter J.M.W. Turner will also be discussed.

Wallace attended a conference in Greece about research on Melville and said he was surprised to learn that researchers from China, Greece and Poland had all visited a website produced by his honors class.

Wallace said he will stress the value of going to international conferences and talking with people to gain a broad perspective during his lecture.

Redding said he has future plans to honor Regents Professors by the way of a spring-time celebration.

He said the details have not been worked out yet, but will be a celebration of work that specifically involves students.

The celebration may include student and faculty talks, as well as a poster series that would display research and give a chance for students to stand by the work and talk about it.

Wallace said this was an alternative means to presenting visual work rather than a lecture setting and would promote dialogue and questions about the work.

Redding said Regents Professors apply for the professorship and the application is then reviewed by a committee. The committee usually includes a faculty member from NKU, a faculty member from an out-

side educational institution and a member of the Board of Regents.

The ultimate decision is then made by the Board of Regents, thus the title "Regents Professor." Professorships last for 6 years and can be reappplied for.

"The professors are at a point in their career when they have a mass body of work," Wallace said.

He said that the fortnight was done in interest of highlighting the professors that are leading scholars on the campus.

"It's important for the NKU community to be aware of their work," he said.

Another professor to give lectures during the Regents Professors Fortnight is Dr. Linda Sheffield who will present "Mathematics Initiatives and Outreach in the School of Education" Oct. 26 at 3:00 p.m. in the Business, Education and Psychology building room 325.

On Oct. 21, Dr. Robert Lilly will present "Rape in Wartime" at 3:05 p.m. in Landrum Hall room 110. This lecture is in conjunction with the Military History Lecture Series.

Other Regents professors include: Dr. Robert J. Kempton, Dr. Miriam S. Kannan, Dr. James Ramage, Dr. Michael C. C. Adams and Dr. David A. Elder.

A display of work by Regents Professors is currently on display at Steely Library.

D.P.S. REPORTS

An officer was dispatched because a tree had fallen on an instructor's car during a storm that carried severe winds and rain. The instructor did not file an official report with DPS because the damage was not significant. The trees were not determined to be a safety hazard, and were immediately cleaned up by Physical Plant.

Officer was called to a parking lot because the side mirror was removed from a truck. The mirror had been removed and was found shattered near the truck.

An officer was dispatched because a person on the third floor of Nunn Hall was not feeling well. The individual said that he felt he was going to pass out. He said that he had a sinus infection. Nurse Fledderjohn escorted the man to the University Health Center where he could rest.

Four cars had broken windows as a result of a storm that carried strong winds, rain, and hail. Some tall stacks nets and several trees were blown over as well.

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Social events help to make Greek Week a success

'The Battle of the Sexes' makes Greek Week less competitive

By Rick Amburgey
News Editor

Last week, fraternities were pitted against sororities during Greek Week.

Dale Pontz, a Phi Sigma Sigma, said that they have tried to make it less competitive the last few years.

Betty Mulkey, interim director of Student Life, believes that this helps bring the groups together.

"It reaffirms the bonds of sisterhood beyond the [individual] sororities. [For example], Phi sigs are on the same team as the Delta Zetas," Mulkey said.

Kristina Dillard, a Delta Gamma, thinks it is a positive change.

"It takes away from the tension between the different organizations," she said.

Pontz believes that Greek Week helps to maintain a united Greek community.

"I think that it reminds us we are a community of Greeks and not just our individual fraternity or sorority," Pontz said.

The theme for this year's Greek Week was "Battle of the Sexes". This involved fraternities as an entity competing against sororities, instead of causing a rivalry between each group.

According to Christy Brandner, a Theta Phi Alpha, Greek Week involved a lot of teamwork.

"Since sororities have to work together, you get know everybody a lot better," she said.

During the "Jeopardy!" competition, a representative from four sororities competed against a representative from four fraternities.

Before the competition, the two

teams agreed that the losing team would have to wash the winning team's cars.

Another activity where teamwork came into play was Olympic Day. The events included tug-of-war and a three-legged race.

However, not all of Greek Week was competitive. Some said that one of their favorite moments was the fashion show.

Samantha Bacelari, a Delta Gamma, said that the girls dressed up like guys and the guys dressed up like girls.

"Trey Lucas, a member of Theta Kappa Epsilon, wore a bikini. It was so funny," she said.

Jill Cruse, a Phi Sigma Sigma, loves Greek Week.

"Greek Week rocks because it is a reason to act stupid," she said.



Rick Amburgey/The Northerner

Above: "I'll Take That for 100 please, Alex?" The moderator of the "Jeopardy!" competition pauses between questions. The stakes of this nail-biting game were points in Greek Week and a free car wash.

Other un-pictured Greek Week events included an Air Bands competition and the Greek Formal.

[It allows students] to make the kind of memories they are going to have for the rest of their life."

- Betty Mulkey, interim director of Student Life

"It brings out the spirit in everybody."

Katie Cook, Phi Sigma Sigma



Phillip Solomon/The Northerner

This sorority member is having a blast imitating a TKE.



Phillip Solomon/The Northerner

Last Monday night, the Greeks had their fashion show, where the girls dressed as guys and guys dressed as girls. Doesn't he look great in white?



Rick Amburgey and Phillip Solomon/The Northerner
Above: Banners displayed in the University Center show Greek pride. Above is the banner created by the sisters of Delta Zeta.

Below: Two fraternity members dressed as women - one in business attire, the other showing some cleavage and wearing a mini-skirt. The audience members said they found this fashion show highly entertaining.



Rick Amburgey/The Northerner

Members of different sororities share a group hug after one of the events on Olympic Day.



Rick Amburgey/The Northerner

A participant loses a battle with gravity during the Bat Race. The Bat Race was another Olympic Day event where the competitors spun around on a bat a number of times and then attempted to run across the field. Notice the word "attempted".



Rick Amburgey/The Northerner

Even with Chris Boggs on their side, these fraternity guys were unable to beat a group of sorority girls in a game of tug-of-war during Olympic Day.

New dean wants global-thinking students

By Tara Ewing
Staff Reporter

"I was a military brat. I lived in Germany, Asia, and all over the United States. This helped me have the ability to relate to other cultures. Out of this experience I became a better person," said Dr. Tony Atwater.

Atwater came to Northern Kentucky University Aug. 1, after the university hired him as the new dean of Professional Studies.

He said that living abroad changed him because he experienced other cultures. He wants to make the opportunity available for more NKU students to study abroad. "When you study abroad you get a stronger appreciation for diversity. This experience will help a person develop and become broader. It made me the person I am today," Atwater said.

Atwater came from the University of Toledo where he was the associate vice president of Academic Affairs.

"Before I moved here people told

me what a nice place it was to live and that was important to me," he said.

Atwater wanted the opportunity to serve at the dean level in an educational setting.

He said NKU is a very diverse college and he enjoys that. Moving to the position of dean of Professional Studies appealed to him because it involved his communication degree.

The position was also appealing because it gave him the opportunity to learn about other degrees.

Moving to NKU has given Atwater the chance to work with a former colleague. He and NKU President James C. Votruba worked together at the University of Michigan.

"I respect him very much and am excited to work with him again," Atwater added.

Votruba said a dean is selected by a search committee consisting of about a dozen faculty, staff and students.

In a case like searching for a dean of Professional Studies, the committee

would review between 50 and 60 applications.

From this review, the committee would select between four and six people they felt would be acceptable for the position. The provost makes the final decision.

Votruba said, "Not only does Atwater have extensive experience as an academic administrator and scholar, he also reflects the values we feel are important at NKU. He also has a vision for the college that we believe is exciting."

Atwater has three degrees. The first is an associate's degree in radio/television production technology gained at Virginia Western Community College.

His second degree was earned at Hampton University where he received his bachelor's degree in mass-media arts.

Atwater said mass-media arts is a mixture of the journalism and communication degrees.

His third degree is a Ph.D. in communication from Michigan State University. Atwater graduated with honors from all three colleges.

On Oct. 11, the university held two sessions where students from the professional studies program met with Atwater.

Jeannie Haas, junior speech major said, "I enjoyed meeting Dr. Atwater. I really feel like he is here for the students."

Atwater said he was excited to meet with the students in the different departments because he has a lot to offer them.

"Being successful as a student and an educator qualifies me for this job as dean. I can empathize and identify with the students because I have experienced both perspectives," Atwater said.

Atwater said he wants to help NKU students succeed. He has already honored students who have been on the dean's, honor's, and scholar's lists.

He sent them certificates with letters expressing his appreciation for their outstanding performances.

Atwater said he wants them to keep him aware of what their instructional needs are so he can respond to them.

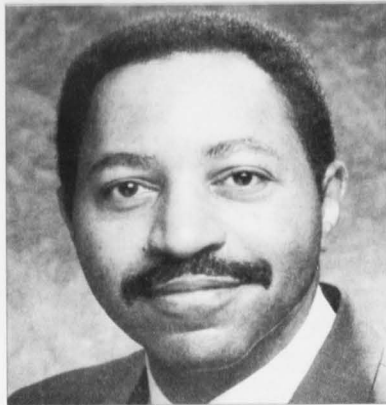


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Tony Atwater combined the departments of Education and Professional Studies as one of his first official actions to become the Dean of Professional Studies and Education at NKU.

NKU's 'Quilting Friends' sew 30 for women's crisis center

By Melissa Riggs
Staff Reporter

A newly formed group at Northern Kentucky University uses the common thread that binds them and are quilting to help a women's crisis center being built nearby.

Quilting Friends is made up of students, parents and community members who want to give back to their community.

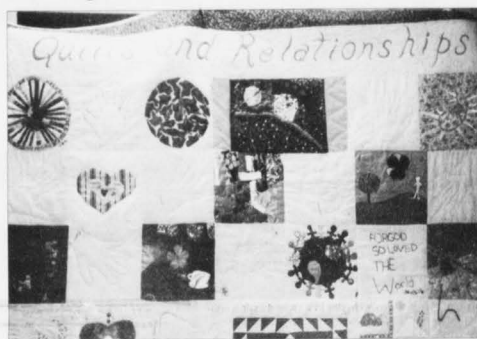
Quilting friends began last March when Shauna Arnett, a senior psychology major, decided she wanted to learn the technique of quilting like her grandmother and great-grandmother did.

"After talking with the coordinator of the Women's Center on campus, together they planned to hold a Women's History Month Quilting Bee."

The first quilt that was made that evening was titled "Quilts and Relationships."

Arnett said the group enjoyed the time they spent together and they were eager to start a new project.

This time the quilt they made would benefit the women's crisis center that will be opening in the year 2000.



Melissa Riggs/The Northerner

"Quilts and Relationships" sewn-march at the Women's History Month Quilting Bee, began a tradition of caring and giving for club members.

Quilting Friends offered to make 30 quilts by the end of spring 2000 so every room at the crisis center would have a quilt.

Arnett said the quilts will signify that members of the center's surrounding community care.

"Quilts are to add life, love, peace and harmony to the new

shelter," said Darletta Poos, a Quilting Friends member.

"Each section of the quilt represents a certain amount of time and love that go into making them."

The first quilt had different patches that each member individually made. The patches signified something important in the lives of

those who donated and sewed them.

"This was the quilt that brought us all together," said Millie Martin, also a member of Quilting Friends.

The group had finished nine of 30 quilts at their last meeting.

Martin said, "I would look at them as heirlooms in the making."

Arnett said many of them are colorful and are unique to every person that helped make any particular quilt.

"Making a quilt is taking a piece of yourself and giving it to someone else," said Arnett.

Millie Martin shared what her particular square meant on Quilts and Relationships. Her square centered around a black spot that symbolized herself. Around the outside was a circular

puzzle split into six differently colored pieces which represented her children.

Along the edges of the circle 20 stripes directed toward the outer edge of the circle. These represent her grandchildren. The final outer ring is comprised of the words, "our love and faith keeps us together". Millie said it's a true statement for her and her family.

Coordinator of the Women's Center Katherine Meyer described the group as an unusual project

because they usually work with the students and not members of the community.

She said, "I'm glad that there are women from different levels because it has broadened our horizons."

The women's center financially supports Quilting Friends but the group have received many donations.

Members have recently applied for a grant from the Kentucky Foundation for Women.



Melissa Riggs/The Northerner

NKU students Shauna Arnett, left, and Denise Sanders sewing a patchwork quilt.

Flint-napping demonstration shows toolmaking at NKU

By Scott Wartman
Staff Reporter

Without flint, humanity may not have survived. Early humans used it as a tool for providing food and it helped them overcome massive beasts like the woolly mammoth.

In today's world, the art of making arrowheads called flint-napping, is still expertly practiced by a few who see the craft as one of the elements that ties humanity together.

Don Miller, a senior anthropology major at Northern Kentucky University, gave a demonstration in the anthropology department on the basics of making an arrowhead.

Miller said that one of the great aspects of flint-napping is that is universal.

"No matter where you come from, all our ancestors made stone tools," he said.

Miller used nothing but a worn deer bone to shape pieces of rock that he would form into well-crafted weapons.

As the chatter of the deer bone striking the rock persisted, pieces of flint flew off the rock causing a pile of chips to form around Miller.

Frequently, too much rock or not enough rock was broken off and Miller would have to adjust his methods until the desired results were accomplished.

"Flint-napping is a continuous chain of events," said Miller. "You can't always get it right. You can try to impose your will on it, but sometimes things break."

Miller said that in order to make an arrowhead, a rock must be found which will break in a predictable and easy manner, preferably flint.

He said arrowheads may be primitive but if the arrowhead is not struck at the correct angle it can easily break and become useless.

This makes it difficult to construct a workable stone tool and takes years of practice. Miller said he has practiced flint-napping since the age of five.

Miller said his interest in archaeology and flint-napping stem from his childhood.

He said he grew up on a farm where he found an abundance of arrowheads and ancient artifacts. He wanted to learn what was going through the minds of people who once made the tools.

Miller said, "What I have found the most interesting about flint-napping is that you get to do something that people did thousands of years ago. Making and using my own arrows helps me better understand pre-history."

Miller said he doesn't make arrowheads just because he likes archaeology. He also hunts deer with them. He said pre-historic arrowheads are just as effective at killing deer as modern arrows. However, he said stone tools are less predictable and less uniform than modern arrows, which consistently weigh the same and behave the same way.

"Prehistoric people had to overcome and adapt to different qualities of weapons," said Miller.

"Hey, chrome dome. Nice haircut."

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Paula Cole honors idols

Jimmy Ferguson
Staff Reporter

After receiving seven Grammy nominations for her first album, "This Fire", Paula Cole and her Band have come out with "Amen", and prove they are one

of the most talented groups in the industry.

Paula Cole, who sings "Where Have All the Cowboys Gone?" and "I Don't Want To Wait" - a.k.a. the theme from "Dawson's Creek" - on her first album, wanted to take a different approach to the

new album.

According to a Warner Brother's press release, Cole said, "It was really important for me to make an uplifting record."

"Especially now with the coming of the millennium. I think people are feeling a lot of conflicting

emotions and contemplating their morality a little more than before."

Paula Cole does put a little of her faith in her lyrics.

She said she wants to lift the spirits of her listeners rather than tear them down.

Paula Cole features Tionne "T-Boz" Watkins of TLC and Gang Starr, in two of her songs breaking the traditional what-a-white-woman-should-sing' stereotype.

"Jay, Kevin and myself are all rooted in black music," she said. "I was very heavily influenced by Aretha Franklin, Tina Turner, Marvin Gaye, Miles Davis and Bob Marley."

She said she wanted to honor those people with the record.

Although a couple of her songs seem to drag along, the album is impressive as a whole.

"Amen" features many different styles of music to appeal to many different listeners.

Look for the two signature songs "I Believe In Love" and "Be Somebody" to be at the top of the charts soon if this album becomes as popular as the last.

Odds are, since this album is even better, this album will be a top-seller.



El Gigante big

By Melissa Bradley
Copy Editor

I never really thought of anything big coming out of Cincinnati except Cincinnati Chili, Larry Flint or WKRP.

After reviewing El Gigante's CD "The Official Guide to Loss" I think I might be on the road to wrong.

El Gigante's members are: vocalist Jim Turner, bassist Mike Montgomery, guitarist Andy Hittle and drummer Pete Riley.

The band members do an excellent job of blending their crafts for a well-done end-product.

The band compares themselves to a mixture of Jawsbox, Tears for Fears and Hum.

I would compare them to Jimmy Eat World or Jets to Brazil two excellent non-pop bands around.

This CD shows the varying types of music styles that the band is well capable of doing.

The songs range from fast and heavy to slow and soft.

The fast songs are not overbearing and the slow songs do not put you to sleep.

The songs mix well together but are not redundant or boring. Every song on this CD has its own unique style.

I also think that this CD is real music not a bunch of "candy coated" pop - garbage or hard, unlistenable junk.

Being from Cincinnati El Gigante has played in such places as Sudsy's and Jammin on Main.

This band sounds as good, if not better live, than on the CD.

I think with this band with the talent they have will definitely be something big that comes out of Cincinnati.

I highly suggest checking out the CD "Star Pupil" is my favorite song on the CD. I like the rhythm and the up-beat style of it.

I also suggest seeing this band live. It is worth the trip to Sudsy's and even, the ever-present hassle of Tri-state, construction traffic to see this band.

R & B 'Amyth'



Jimmy Ferguson
Staff Reporter

Just when you thought Rhythm & Blues could not add another top performer, here comes the track Amyth, produced by LL Cool J, to restore listener's faith.

"The World Is Ours", released Sept. 28 was an excellent title for this impressive debut by Wayne Sears, Otis Jupiter, Jelani Phillips and Stephen Joyce.

Amyth has the style of R. Kelly with the talent and sound of Boyz II Men.

This very impressive first album is sure to grab all R & B fans right from the start.

With expansive talent and a great mixture of beats and mixes, this four-man quartet sings about relationships in all dimensions.

Its songs range from emotional

and sexual to spiritual.

LL Cool J, who actually wrote two songs on the record, "Who Shot Your Heart" and "Sex 'n Your Ex" has started his own record label, using Amyth and Warner Brothers as its distributor.

After signing the contract, Amyth immediately began working with talents such as Rashad Smith.

Smith also worked with big-time stars Seal, Busta Rhymes and Mary J. Blige.

Whether your listening to "Tell Me How You Like It," or the Latin-tinged "Mamacita," Amyth delivers an album that is sure to find an interest with today's R & B lovers just as Boyz II Men and Jodeci have done in the past.

I think Amyth has a very bright future ahead of them and they will not be a 'one-hit-wonder'.

Greeks cross the line during "Greek Week"



By Phillip Solomon
Photo Editor

On Monday Oct. 11, the University Center Ballroom was filled with cross-dressing Greeks.

Several fraternity and sorority members turned out this year, for the 1999 Fashion Show, which was part of annual Greek Week.

The theme this year was "The Battle of the Sexes".

This year's fashion show was not your average fashion show.

Rather than men strutting their stuff down the runway in spiffy blazers, and women dazzling the audiences in long, shimmering dresses, the Greeks took instead, to donning the opposite sex's attire.

Guys wore ladies' duds and the ladies were done up in guy's costumes. There were the men of Alpha Tau Omega modeling formal meeting-wear in skirts, blouses and high heels.

And there was no shortage of Delta Gamma modeling oxford shirts with red ties and loafers.

Several other categories of fashion were displayed that evening: a cross dressing Hawaiian theme, the Greek theme and the best mascot theme.

So why the idea to earn points for

your chapter in a cross dressing fashion show?

"We're here to support Greek Week and basically involvement on campus," said sophomore Whitney Norton, a Delta Zeta member. "Mostly this helps us see that we can all put aside our differences and have fun together."

Junior Tre Lucas, a Tau Kappa Epsilon member, adamantly shook his head when asked if being in women's attire made him uncomfortable.

"It's actually been really fun, with the girls helping us out to get ready for this show. I'm not at all embarrassed and we'll all do it again."

During the course of the evening, laughter and screams could be heard from just about anywhere in the University Center with the pumping, techno-music that accompanied the models as they walked down the aisle.

Fraternity brothers and sorority sisters rooked one another on as holiday lights blinked in the dimmed ballroom.

Tau Kappa Epsilon won the most prizes taking home two first prizes: one for the best mascot category and the other for the best Hawaiian theme. Alpha Tau Omega, Phi Kappa Tau, Delta Gamma, and Delta Zeta were also first place winners.

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NKU Greeks switch gender roles in the UC Ballroom

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Coaches Top 25 volleyball poll

TEAM	PTS	PREVIOUS
1. Hawaii-Pacific (25)	623	1
2. BYU-Hawaii	598	2
3. West Texas A&M	579	3
4. Northern Kentucky University	544	4
5. North Dakota State	515	6
6. Nebraska-Omaha	492	5
7. Northern Colorado	442	8
8. Augustana College	437	7
9. University of Tampa	435	9
10. South Dakota State	423	12
11. Central Missouri State	383	11
12. Regis	298	10
(tie) Nebraska-Kearney	298	13
14. Cal State Bakersfield	296	14
15. Barry	258	17
16. Northern Michigan	246	15
17. Florida Southern	185	19
18. Rockhurst	171	23
19. Minnesota-Duluth	157	21
20. Colorado Christian	166	15
(tie) Northern Alabama	155	16
22. Grand Valley State	105	22
23. Grand Canyon	104	18
24. Cal State Los Angeles	84	25
25. North Florida	44	24

Norse Notes

Volleyball:

Friday night the Norse powered past 15th ranked Northern Michigan 15-4, 15-10 and 15-12. Senior Jenny Jeremiaah had 20 kills and 21 digs. The win was NKU's 47th straight win at Regents Hall against the GLVC conference. The Norse are currently ranked number four in the national poll and are tied with Grand Valley State and Northern Michigan for the top regional seed.

Upcoming Games:

Fri. Oct. 22 at Quincy
Sat. Oct. 23 at Missouri-St. Louis

Men and Women Cross Country:

Oct. 15 the mens and womens cross country teams competed in the Queen City Invitational at Mt. Airy Forest. Teams from around the area included the University of Cincinnati, Xavier and Morehead State. The Norse women placed eight out of 10 teams with Tabatha Smith finishing with NKU's best time of 20:08.

The men's team finished 10th out of 11 teams.

Women's Tennis:

Four members of the NKU women's tennis team were named to the GLVC all-conference team: Jamie O'Hara, Lauren Spears, Amity Chapman, Claudia Ruchl.

Sophomore Jamie O'Hara was named the GLVC conference player of the year and Head Coach Dave Bezold was named GLVC conference coach of the year.

The Northerner
Athletes of the Week

Photos by Jeff McCurry
Left: Jamie O'Hara
O'Hara was named the GLVC Player of the Year as she went undefeated helping the Norse to a perfect 10-0 record.

Right: Jeff Anderson
Anderson scored a goal and added an assist in NKU's win over So. Indiana. Anderson had another goal the following day in NKU's loss to SIU-Edwardsville.



Norse men fall just short

By Bruce Reller
Assistant Sports Editor

The Northern Kentucky University men's soccer team lost three games this past week by a total of three goals. Wednesday, they fell to Bellarmine 1-0 on the road. NKU also lost by one to Missouri-Rolla, and Charleston, West Virginia over the weekend at the Town and Sports Complex. NKU's record is now 6-8-1 and 3-5-1 in the Great Lakes Valley Conference.

The Norse have been involved in many close games this season and have lost a lot of them. According to NKU junior Jeff Shoemaker, one reason that they are not winning some of the close games is because they are not producing offensively.

"We are struggling to put the ball in the net," said Shoemaker. "We need to play strong offense."

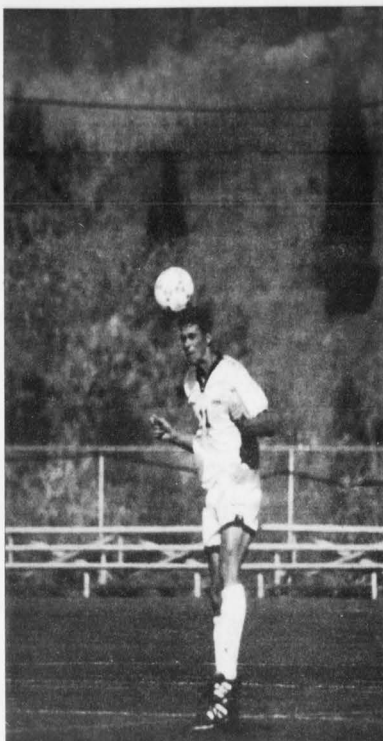
NKU is also not playing up to its potential and is not playing aggressively, according to NKU Assistant Coach Ryan Schaffer.

"We need to play more intensely and more technically," said Schaffer. "We are lacking in focus. It breaks down everything when we give the ball to the other team."

The Norse had a chance to beat fifth-ranked Charleston, West Virginia on Saturday. "Anyone could have won; it was a close game," said Shoemaker. "We played hard and played together."

NKU is preparing for the upcoming GLVC tournament, Nov. 3. "We have to win the next two conference games, and we'll have a good shot at the tournament," said Schaffer. "That's what we play for."

"We should make it to the GLVC tournament," said Shoemaker.



Jeff McCurry/The Northerner
The NKU men's soccer team has been fighting for respect all year. Young, talented players should help the Norse finish the season strong.

Midnight
let down

Tim Banks
Staff Reporter

Midnight Madness, the night all top college basketball teams salivate for, it's the official opening to the college basketball season, a time when the millions and millions of college basketball fans flock to see what this years version of their favorite team has in store for them.

At the University of Cincinnati, everyone is waiting to see if incoming freshman Demarr Johnson is really the second coming of Michael Jordan. The University of Kentucky is fully expecting Coach Tubby Smith to bring home the NCAA championship, again.

Flash forward to midnight, Oct. 15, 1999. The place, NKU's Regents Hall. There was no evidence on this night that this is the home of two highly ranked Division II basketball programs. The parking lots were empty as they usually are on the weekend, the scene was silence. For a university attempting to quell school apathy this doesn't bode well.

This is the school which is thinking of jumping to Division I, however there is no celebration for the teams that could bring them that prize. According to Don Owen, the Director of Sports Information, "Midnight Madness" is a Division I thing. He went on to say that "I don't know if any Division II schools that do that at all."

What does this mean? Are Division II schools not as dedicated to their athletic programs or is there just not enough money? What is the reason why Division II schools don't participate in Midnight Madness? Maybe Mr. Owen already answered that question, it's just a Division I thing.

The preseason Great Lakes Valley Conference polls are out and both Norse teams are ranked number one in the conference. Where is the teams reward? Instead of the sense of anticipation and excitement that a mid-night practice can bring, we here at NKU get the alternative.

On Oct. 26 NKU brings us the "Highland Heights Skyline Chili Meet the Norse Night." What is this. Over a week after the first practice we finally get a chance to meet our team. In an area of the country in which college basketball has risen to such a high level and a bevy of schools nationally recognized one would surmise that attention would be brought to our teams. The same attention that the more nationally recognized programs in our area garners.

Over the past several years our basketball programs have proved they deserve attention. They deserve for their school to back them up, to show the 12,000 plus students there is something to cheer for. It's decisions like these that allow student apathy to run rampant through this college campus.

Maybe if events like Midnight Madness were planned we would see a change in student involvement. I'm not saying that one event can change a campus but it can help lead the way.

We have something special here. Two, very good basketball teams that have the talent and the coaches to take them all the way. For some reason it seems that our school is cheapening the experience just because we are Division II.

If the university plans to go ahead with it's supposed plans to go Division I it needs to take heed from other Division I schools in our area. Give the basketball teams the credit they deserve, let the world know we are proud of them, let the team know they are supported. I mean it's not like we have a football team to cheer on.

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Senior Lisa Geiman helps the Norse women's soccer team kick it losing away. NKU is now 13-2 on the season and 6-2 in GLVC play.

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Norse back to winning

By Bruce Reller
Assistant Sports Editor

The Northern Kentucky University women's soccer team won a weekend game 3-1 against Missouri-Rolla at the Town and Country Sports Complex. Their record is now 13-2 and 6-2 in the Great Lakes Valley Conference.

The win was big for the Norse after coming off two tough losses against Southern Indiana and Southern Illinois-Edwardsville the past week, according to some of the NKU soccer players.

"We came in ready to win," said freshman Jill Johannigman. "We got our confidence back up. This helps us get back on our feet."

"We really needed a win," said

senior Lindsay Smith. "We are capable of playing well. This was a strong win for us."

In the game, the Norse outshot Missouri-Rolla 21-4. The Norse had their opportunities to score in the game but didn't take advantage of many of them, according to Smith.

"We are having trouble putting the ball in the net," said Smith. "We are missing wide open shots. We need to work hard on finishing. We need to try to get everyone involved."

Despite the missed opportunities for NKU, the defense seemed to come together to help preserve the victory for the Norse.

"We are pulling together on defense," Smith said. "We are coming together again. Amanda

Trout is our stopper and is an offensive and defensive threat. Eva Broeg is real strong and is a key in the backfield. Lori Kevill and Jill Johannigman play great on defense too."

"We defend well, especially on corner-kicks," said Johannigman. "We are really strong in the air. We are good at feeding the ball to the side for the offense."

With only a few games left in the regular season for the Norse, they are preparing for the GLVC tournament.

"We have some gaps in communication," said Johannigman. "We need to work on teamwork. If we capitalize on those two things, we will make it far. We need to have confidence for the tournament."

Women's Soccer National Poll

TEAM	PTS	PREVIOUS
1. Barry	173	1
2. Lynn	162	3t
3. Presbyterian	150	5
4. Stonehill	148	8
5. Ashland	142	2
6. Sonoma State	143	6
7. Slippery Rock	139	12t
8. West Virginia Wesleyan	128	14
9. North Dakota State	127	16
10. Central Oklahoma	96	15
11. Franklin Pierce	94	10
12. Northern Kentucky University	90	3t
13. Western Florida	88	17
14. C.W. Post	86	18
15. UMN-Duluth	75	21t
16. Merrimack	71	7
17. Cal Poly Pomona	68	20
18. Catawba	61	12t
19. Regis	37	NR
20. Cal State Bakersfield	36	10
21. Northern Colorado	32	9
22. Wheeling Jesuit	30	RV
23. Lock Haven	26	NR
24. Cal St. Dominguez Hills	24	NR
25. Southern Connecticut State	17	23

Undefeated and it feels so good



Jeff McCurry/The Northerner

The 1999 NKU women's tennis team completed an undefeated season at the GLVC tournament in Indianapolis, Indiana. The team was led by 1999 GLVC Conference Player of the Year Jamie O'Hara, who went undefeated in conference play. Head coach Dave Bezold was named GLVC Coach of the Year. The Norse had four players named to the GLVC All-Tournament team. The Norse return their top four players for next year and lose only one.

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Coming out day: A national event

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(U-WIRE) COLLEGE PARK, Md. — Now that the dust has settled following the annual National Coming Out Day, anyone who paid close attention knows that I appeared on the Out List this year. However, even with that small bit of drama out of the way, I still look more closely at the Allies List.

The Out List has been in The Diamondback the last few years, and the Allies List has accompanied the Out List since 1996. Since I started on campus in 1997, I had listed myself as an ally. I wanted to make it clear that I am against bigotry toward the lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgendered community and that I accepted the LGBT community, but I still had to fight myself to accept my own sexual orientation. Obviously, that process is a lot easier said than done.

Why am I writing a column where I address accepting sexual orientation when I am only now publicly identifying myself as gay? The process of accepting sexual orientation is similar to a journey in a lot of ways. There is an old proverb that says, "A journey of 1,000 miles begins with a single step." Like any road, the road to full acceptance of sexual orientation is littered with potholes and occasionally has hostile motorists and police. I hope to provide you with a glimpse into that long adventure that I call my own coming out process.

While a recent story in The Washington Post told a story of a boy who came out of the closet at 13, it took me more than 24 years before I finally opened the door to my own closet and tentatively stepped out. I'll admit that I've had a lot of luck with it so far, but my discomfort may have had a lot to do with my age — 26 — which means I grew up in the late '80s and the early '90s.

The only reason I'm making note of my age now is to explain that I grew up in a time when the LGBT community received more backlash from the rest of society than it does now, as impossible as it may seem. Being around a lot of homophobic comments helped me internalize the homophobia and made it hard for me to accept my dad coming out of his closet.

Even when the environment

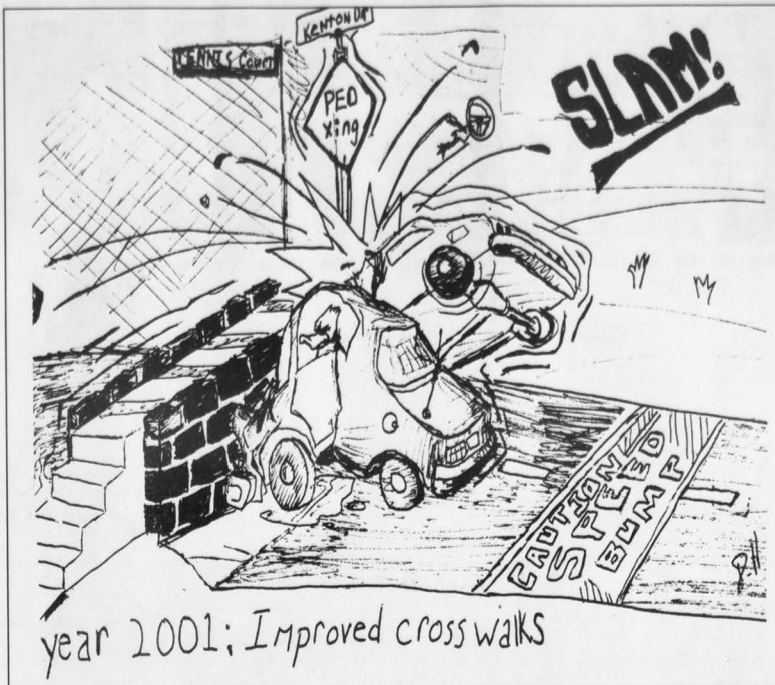
started appearing more tolerant — then, later, more accepting — of the LGBT community, and even after I had worked through a lot of my internalized homophobia when it came to others' sexual orientations, the hardest part still remained: I still had to learn to accept myself. Hearing occasional homophobic comments — even jokes — didn't make that any easier. Let's start looking at some of the things I've noticed recently, after coming to grips with many of my issues.

Overhearing conversations between friends, you may hear someone describing something as being absolutely ridiculous by saying, "that's so gay." While one good friend of mine tried to explain the phrase was not a negative comment on LGBT people, making "gay" a synonym for "stupid" doesn't make me or any other LGBT people feel any more comfortable.

Along those lines, I read a posting on a newsgroup where a woman referred to actor Scott Wolf as a "fag." I took umbrage, letting her know I didn't appreciate the comment. She tried to assuage my anger by maintaining the comment was only meant to dub Wolf a "loser." But, turning a slur into a general insult drives home the bigotry all of us have to overcome, sort of like using the "n-word."

The Allies companion ad says the people who sign it are committed to fighting homophobia and heterosexism. But, before you equate that with attending protest rallies, realize there are several flavors of "allies." Being there to listen to people coming out and asking supportive questions is just as much a sign of support as attending any march. Pointing out perceived homophobia when you hear it is another way you can show support. The fight for equality for all people, regardless of race, gender, sexual orientation, religion or ethnic background is a battle all of us must be willing to fight for anyone who is persecuted. Bigotry of any kind is a blight none of us can afford to live with.

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Criticism forces Yale to re-think program

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(U-WIRE) NEW HAVEN, Conn. — The ethnic counselor program at Yale has served the campus community for 27 years, striving together with other Yale minority initiatives, to provide a solid network of support for ethnic minorities and to encourage multiculturalism. But the second part of this decade has brought serious dissatisfaction with the program from both supporters and critics of Yale's minority policies.

Faced with a wide array of problems that make the ethnic counselor program a flawed system — serving neither the students nor the university's minority policies — the Yale College Dean's Office should seriously consider integrating this program into the freshmen counseling program.

Continuing criticism of the program has only damaged Yale's efforts to serve its minority population — an effort crucial to the fabric of the Yale community and its reputation nationwide. Two years ago, the Yale Daily News joined the campus voices calling for serious improvements necessary to sustain the program. But in light of growing criticism and compounding problems, it has come time to take the program off life-support.

One important factor that should affect this decision is the proliferation of ethnic groups at Yale. Currently, Yale has 37 registered minority organizations, most of which are ethnic in nature. This wide spectrum of ethnic minority students is served by only 12 ethnic counselors, who represent only the largest ethnic minorities: Mexican-Americans, Chicanos, and Puerto Ricans; African-Americans; and Asian-Americans.

The existing situation leaves many ethnic minority students without an ethnic advisor. For example, the decision by the Yale Dean's Office to create a Native American "peer advisor" as practically a second-class peer counselor is both politically incorrect and unlikely to succeed within the established one ethnic counselor per residential college policy. Decisions such as these not only improve the program but also undermine Yale's support of ethnic tolerance and equality.

The main function of ethnic counselors is to provide a network of support to their advisees, who are assigned to them according to the ethnic affiliation indicated on the cards filled by incoming freshmen. Although this network is necessary, there is no reason for Yale to create a parallel structure to the already existing freshmen counselor program. Instead, fresh-

men counselors should both reflect ethnic diversity of the incoming freshmen and be trained to address ethnic issues.

The joining of the two programs will empower the counselors to address the issues of ethnicity much more effectively than they do today. First, the counselors can address ethnic issues in relation to other issues of identity such as gender, religion, sexual orientation and culture. Second, these counselors can address ethnic issues across ethnic boundaries, forging tolerance and multiculturalism. Incorporation of the ethnic counselors into the freshmen counseling program is the smartest decision that the Yale College Dean's Office can make — both for the sake of its students and to continue building multiculturalism at Yale. This move will preserve the support system for Yale's ethnic minorities within the already well-functioning freshmen counselor program, and will allow the Dean's Office to focus its resources and energy on other minority initiatives.

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NORTH POLL

What are the best and worst movies you have seen this year?

Keith Bischoff

Accounting

Fr. Thomas

"The best movie would be 'General's Daughter.' The worst movie was 'The Mummy.' I thought it was going to be scary, but it wound up being stupid."

Emily Hastings

Speech Communications

Demotivator, Ky.

"I didn't necessarily not like 'Notting Hill,' but I was disappointed that it didn't show more of London. As far as the best movie, I haven't seen it yet. I'm betting it will be 'Jacob's Ladder.'"

Michael Hutton

Theater

Jamestown

"I think the 'Sixth Sense' was very good. The worst movie I saw was 'The Blair Witch Project.' They had a small budget and it showed."



Phillip Webster

Music

Erlanger

"'Star Wars' was the best and worst. The first time I saw it I was completely disappointed. But then I saw it again and again, and each time it got better."

La Donna Nelson

Human Services

Cincinnati

"The best movie that I saw was 'Blue Streak.' Martin Lawrence is hilarious! The worst was 'Double Jeopardy.' It wasn't terrible, but I was expecting more."

Jenny Blank

Environmental Science

Park Hills

"'Star Wars' was my favorite. I liked the special effects. The worst was 'The Haunting,' because it was so cheesy."

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ABOVE: Tall Stacks coordinators estimated that nearly one million people would come to the 1999 event.
RIGHT: Some of the volunteers dressed in 1800s period costume to greet patrons.



TALL STACKS

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hears material and interacted with audience members.

Children also got to experience the steamboating era. Tom Sawyerville was an 1800s river town as seen through the eyes of a child and offered crafts, sack races, games and contests.

A volunteer force of 10,000 people supported Tall Stacks. Some of the volunteers, called costume greeters, dressed for the 1800s to bring the steamboating era to life.

Costume greeters must provide their own costumes. Some of them rent their costumes like Shannon Johnson and her mother, Sherry Knight. Some greeters, like Linda Swope, make their own costumes.

"Our main job is to walk among the people and say 'hi,' point them in the right directions," Johnson said.

"You have to love to greet people. You have to have some ham in you to," Swope said. "The last time, they called us photo opportunities."

"I love being able to talk to the crowds and seeing how far from here they've come—Japan is one, people from New Orleans, people from California and right here from Cincinnati or Covington—to see the boats," Johnson said.

Volunteers find out about the opportunity to participate in Tall Stacks various ways. Johnson and Knight said, "A friend that did it before talked us into it." Others found out about it when they first saw the ad in the *Cincinnati Enquirer* that asked for volunteers, Swope said.

Northern Kentucky University contributed to Tall Stacks too by offering lots G and K for the *Tall Stacks Express* Park and Ride system that was done in conjunction with TANK and Metro bus services.

"[NKU] was chosen because they had a lot of room for it. There's not that many places that have this many extra parking spots," said Lou Buerger, supervisor for TANK. "It seems like the lots get full, but then another bus comes and people leave, so it's a constant flow."

Mark Twain summed up the steamboating era best in his book "Life on the Mississippi" when he said, "Steamboating was born about 1812. At the end of the 30 years it had grown to mighty proportions and in less than 30 years more it was dead! A strangely short life for so majestic a creature."

Tall Stacks '99



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CINCINNATI 'STACKS' UP: Nineteen riverboats gathered at the Port of Cincinnati for the largest celebration of America's steamboating era in the United States.



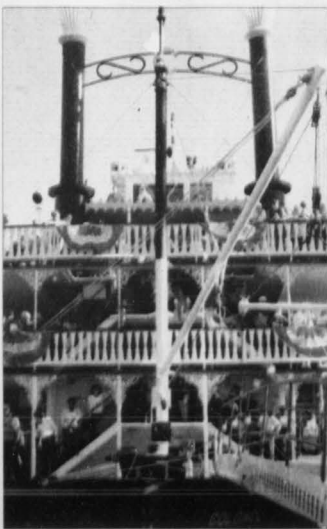
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The *Creole Queen* from New Orleans, La., was one of the boats that ticket-holders could take cruises on at Tall Stacks '99. It was built in 1983 and is an authentic sternwheeler.



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Linda Swope, Sherry Knight and Shannon Johnson were volunteer costume greeters who walked among the crowd offering directions, answering questions and posing for photographs.



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Crowds gathered on the Serpentine Wall to watch the "Parade of Tall Stacks" on Friday, Oct. 15.



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ABOVE AND LEFT: The *Colonel* traveled 1,740 miles from Galveston, Texas, to Cincinnati and was the furthest traveling boat at Tall Stacks '99.